

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 248/2008**of 17 March 2008****amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards the national quotas for milk**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex IX to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (the 'single CMO' Regulation) ⁽¹⁾ sets down the national milk quotas for the seven 12-month periods commencing on 1 April 2008 within the milk quota system for production limitation.
- (2) Article 66(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 provides that those quotas are fixed without prejudice to possible review in the light of the general market conditions and particular conditions in certain Member States.
- (3) The Council requested that the Commission undertake a market outlook report when the 2003 reforms of the common market organisation in milk and milk products had been fully implemented with a view to

assessing the appropriateness of allocating additional quotas.

- (4) This report has been conducted and concluded the current situation of the Community and world markets and their projected situation in the period to 2014, warrant an additional increase in quota by 2 % to facilitate the production of more milk within the Community to help satisfy emerging market requirements for dairy products.
- (5) Therefore it is appropriate to increase all Member State quotas as shown in Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 by 2 % from 1 April 2008.
- (6) Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Point 1 of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 is hereby replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 2008.

For the Council

The President

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

ANNEX

1. National quotas

Member State	Quantity (tonnes)
Belgium	3 427 288,740
Bulgaria	998 580,000
Czech Republic	2 792 689,620
Denmark	4 612 619,520
Germany	28 847 420,391
Estonia	659 295,360
Ireland	5 503 679,280
Greece	836 923,260
Spain	6 239 289,000
France	25 091 321,700
Italy	10 740 661,200
Cyprus	148 104,000
Latvia	743 220,960
Lithuania	1 738 935,780
Luxembourg	278 545,680
Hungary	2 029 861,200
Malta	49 671,960
Netherlands	11 465 630,280
Austria	2 847 478,469
Poland	9 567 745,860
Portugal	1 987 521,000
Romania	3 118 140,000
Slovenia	588 170,760
Slovakia	1 061 603,760
Finland	2 491 930,710
Sweden	3 419 595,900
United Kingdom	15 125 168,940'